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- 2. SUMMARY. U/SYG ANNAN AND SC PRESIDENT GRAF ZU RANTSAU CO-CHAIRED THE TROOP CONTRIBUTORS MEETING THAT ALLOWED MEMBER STATES A REVIEW OF THE SYG'S REPORT AND A BRIEFING OF THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND BY SRSG KHAN. THE SYG'S REPORT OUTLINED A REDEFINED UNAMIR MISSION FOCUSING ON CONFIDENCE BUILDING WITH A REDUCED FORCE OF 2330 TROOPS, 350 MILOBS, AND 65 CIVPOL. KHAN NOTED <<RWANDA>> WAS RETURNING TO NORMALCY BUT EMPHASIZED THE CHALLENGES OF CROSS BORDER INCURSIONS, OVERCROWDED PRISONS, BRINGING THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GENOCIDE TO JUSTICE, AND THE SEVERE LACK OF FINANCING. MEMBER STATES CALLED ON THE GOR TO ACCEPT THE SYG'S RECOMMENDATIONS. END SUMMARY.
- 3. U/SYG KOFFI ANNAN OPENED THE MEETING BY WELCOMING SRSG SHAHARYAR KHAN BACK TO UNHQ AND REMINDING ALL THAT THE UNAMIR MANDATE WOULD EXPIRE ON 9 JUN. ANNAN NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH THE GOR HAD MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN BRINGING STABILITY TO THE COUNTRY, THE CURRENT CROSS BORDER INCURSIONS BY THE FORMER <<RWANDA>> MILITARY CONTINUED TO BE A LARGE SOURCE OF CONCERN. HE THEN UNCLASSIFIED

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TURNED TO THE CO-CHAIRMAN, SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
AMB GRAF ZU RANTZAU (GERMANY) WHO OUTLINED THAT THE
COUNCIL WOULD DISCUSS THE SYG'S REPORT ON 7 JUN WITH
THE GOAL OF COMPLETING THE RESOLUTION BY 9 JUN.

- 4. A/SYG IQBAL RIZA CONTINUED STATING THAT SRSG KHAN WAS CONSULTING WITH THE GOR BASED ON A MUTUAL SURVEY OF NEEDS. HE NOTED THAT THESE POINTED TO A SHIFT IN THE MISSION'S FOCUS FROM PEACEKEEPING TO CONFIDENCE BUILDING. HE THEN OUTLINED THE SYG REPORT HIGHLIGHTING THE SYG'S BELIEF THAT THE MISSION SHOULD CENTER ON PERFORMING THE FOLLOWING TASKS:
- A) PROTECTING THE MEMBERS OF THE TRIBUNAL, OTHER UN AGENCIES, AND THE UN FORCES
- B) ASSISTING THE GOR IN CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES AND REFUGEE REPATRIATION. THIS WOULD INCLUDE MONITORING GOR ACTIVITIES WITH POLICE MONITORS; ASSISTING WITH HUMANITARIAN RELIEF; AND PROVIDING ENGINEERING, LOGISTICAL, MEDICAL, AND DEMINING ASSISTANCE.

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RIZA SUMMARIZED THAT THE MISSION OF THE UNAMIR TROOPS WOULD NOW SHIFT TO ASSISTING IN THE ABOVE TASKS AND AWAY FROM "PATROLLING THE COUNTRYSIDE". HE POINTED OUT THE SYG WAS RECOMMENDING A FORCE LEVEL OF 2330 TROOPS, 320 MILITARY OBSERVERS, AND 65 CIVILIAN POLICE. RIZA STATED THAT THE REDUCTION WAS COMMENSURATE WITH THE REDEFINED TASKS AND THAT THE REDEPLOYMENTS WOULD OCCUR OVER THE NEXT THREE MONTHS. RIZA ALSO NOTED THAT THE GOR WAS PROPOSING A FORCE OF ONLY 1800 TROOPS AND 65 CIVILIAN POLICE - HE SAID THE CURRENT MEETINGS IN NEW UNCLASSIFIED

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- 5. SRSG KHAN THANKED ALL THE TROOP CONTRIBUTORS FOR THEIR EFFORTS AND EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL GRATITUDE FOR THE "PRIVILEGE OF LEADING SUCH A HEROIC UNITED FORCE THAT HAD OVERCOME MANY DIFFICULTIES". KHAN CONTINUED STATING THAT "THINGS WERE MUCH BETTER". HE NOTED THAT NORMALCY WAS RETURNING INCLUDING:
- A) RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTRICITY, PURE DRINKING WATER, AND AIRPORT ACTIVITIES
- B) REBUILDING OF 80 OF THE HOMES
- C) DISCONTINUATION OF THE CIVIL CURFEW
- D) REDUCTION TO LESS THAN 1/10 OF THE ROADBLOCKS THAT WERE PRESE
 NT NINE MONTHS EARLIER
- E) FAR LESS PRESSURE FROM THE ARMED FORCES

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HOWEVER, HE DID POINT OUT THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF CHALLENGES NOW FACING THE MISSION INCLUDING:

- A) OVERCROWD PRISONS (42,000 PEOPLE INCARCERATED IN FACILITIES BUILT FOR 4,000)
- B) A REDUCTION OF REFUGEES RETURNING HOME TO "NEAR ZERO"
- C) THE RECENT AGGRESSIVE ATTITUDE OF THE GOR TOWARDS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY (NOTE: KHAN STATED THAT SINCE THE KIBEHO INCIDENT THE GOR WAS MAKING PROGRESS

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IN ALLOWING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, CALLING FOR A COMMISSION ON PRISONS, AND ALLOWING A STEADY DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF ARRESTS. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT LEADING UP TO KIBEHO THERE HAD BEEN SEVEN OTHER CAMPS CLOSED -ALL WITHOUT INCIDENT.)

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- THE CONTINUING PROBLEM OF CONVINCING THE RWANDAN PEOPLE THAT JUSTICE WAS BEING SERVED WHILE THE WELL KNOWN PERPETRATORS OF THE GENOCIDE WERE STILL "WALKING AROUND FREE".
- THE SLOW DISBURSEMENT OF FINANCIAL PLEDGES. KHAN E) STATED THAT OVER THE PAST YEAR \$700 MILLION WAS PLEDGED UNCLASSIFIED

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PAGE 03 <<USUN>> N 02311 02 OF 03 082038Z WITH ONLY \$69 MILLION DISBURSED OF WHICH \$26 MILLION WAS USED TO PAY THE FORMER GOVERNMENT'S DEBT. SHORTAGE PREVENTED SALARIES FROM BEING PAID, VEHICLES FROM BEING PURCHASED, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BASIC FUNCTIONS OF A SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT WITHOUT A FULL OPERATING GOVERNMENT THERE COULD BE NO STABILITY AND THEREFORE NO RECONCILIATION.

- F) CROSS BORDER INFILTRATIONS THAT WERE CAUSING THE GENERAL TENSE ENVIRONMENT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.
- THE PERCEPTION BY THE GOR THAT WHILE THEY ARE UNDER G) AN ARMS EMBARGO THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WHO - IN THEIR OPINION - WERE ASSISTING THE FORMER GOVERNMENT ARE FREE TO TRADE. KHAN STATED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE GOVERNMENTS OF ZAIRE OR TANZANIA WERE INVOLVED BUT THAT THE PROBLEM OF INCREASING WEAPONS SUPPLIES HAD TO BE RESOLVED.

KHAN CONCLUDED THAT THE GOR IS THE SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENT OF <<RWANDA>> AND HAD THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT ITS CITIZENS. HE SAID THAT A LARGE PARALLEL UN FORCE WOULD ONLY SERVE TO LOWER THE CREDIBILITY OF THE GOR TO PERFORM ITS TASKS AND THEREFORE A REDUCTION OF UNAMIR WAS NEEDED. HE OPINED THAT OVER THE NEXT TWO DAYS THE EXACT AMOUNT OF THAT REDUCTION COULD BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE GOR AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

6. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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- ETHIOPIA ENDORSED THE MOVE TO CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES BUT ASKED WHAT WAS REQUIRED FOR RECONCILIATION TO OCCUR? KAHN STATED THAT RECONCILIATION WOULD HAVE TO BE A REALITY AT ALL LEVELS OF </P>
RECONCILIATION AT THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP LEVEL WOULD HAVE TO WAIT AS THERE WERE PARITIES THAT STILL SHOWED ABSOLUTELY NO REMORSE FOR THEIR ACTIONS.
HOWEVER, HE DID SAY THAT AT THE "GRASSROOTS" LEVEL

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THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT RECONCILIATION WAS NOW BEGINNING. FOR EXAMPLE, HE POINTED OUT THAT THE RWANDANS WHO HAD RETURNED TO THE COUNTRY WERE NOW SETTLING BACK INTO THEIR VILLAGES SETTING UP COMMERCE AND TRADE. HE SAID THAT CIVIL SERVANTS OF THE OLD GOVERNMENT WERE RETURNING TO THEIR JOBS, AND THAT OVER 2000 FORMER FAR SOLDIERS WERE NOW INTEGRATED INTO THE NEW ARMY. HE NOTED THAT 2 OF THESE MEN WERE NOW CHIEFS OF POLICE WHILE ANOTHER WAS THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE ARMY. KHAN HIGHLIGHTED THAT EVEN WITH THESE CHANGES, HE REAL PROBLEM WAS FINANCIAL - NOT POLITICAL. AS AN EXAMPLE, THERE WAS A REAL NEED TO BUILD BARRACKS FOR THE ARMY BUT UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO THE MILITARY EMBARGO, FUNDS COULD NOT BE USED FOR MILITARY FACILITIES. HE CONCLUDED STATING THAT WITHOUT FUNDS AND WITHOUT A FEELING THAT JUSTICE IS BEING SERVED THE PROSPECT OF RECONCILIATION WAS NOT GOOD.

INDIA VOICED ITS CONCERN ON THE LACK OF A FIRM SET OF RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (ROE). THE AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT WITH THE NEW MANDATE THAT A NEW SET OF ROE WOULD BE ISSUED. HE ALSO REQUESTED THAT SYG

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REPORTS BE ISSUED FURTHER IN ADVANCE OF THE RESOLUTION TO ALLOW MEMBER STATES TO CONSULT WITH THEIR CAPITALS. RIZA RESPONDED THAT THE SECRETARIAT WAS WORKING ON THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PAGE 03 <<USUN>> N 02311 03 OF 03 082039Z NEW ROE, AND THAT THE DELAY IN ISSUING THE SYG REPORT WAS DUE TO THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOR AND THE UN.

- AUSTRALIA STATED THEY ALSO AGREED WITH THE SYG RECOMMENDED FORCE SIZE, AND LIKE CANADA, WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INADEQUATELY RESOURCED MISSION. THEY ALSO CALLED ON THE GOR TO BE FULLY RECEPTIVE TO THE SYG'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE SIZE AND MISSION OF UNAMIR.
- US STRESSED THAT THE USG AGREED WITH THE SYG CONCLUSIONS AND THAT THE SIZE OF UNAMIR WOULD HAVE TO BE REDUCED TO AN EFFECTIVE LEVEL. THE POLOFF NOTED THAT THE USG ENCOURAGED THE GOR TO BE FLEXIBLE ON THE ISSUE OF FORCE STRENGTH AND THAT THE GOR GIVE THE UN OPERATION THEIR FULL SUPPORT. THE POLOFF ALSO RAISED THE ISSUE OF PLACING UN OBSERVERS AT THE AIRFIELDS IN EASTERN ZAIRE TO ASSIST IN SLOWING DOWN THE ARMS FLOW, AND REPORTED THAT THE GOZ WAS RECEPTIVE TO THE IDEA. POLOFF CONCLUDED STATING THAT THE USG HAD EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE SYG RECOMMENDATIONS DIRECTLY TO THE GOR; AND LIKE MANY OF THE MEMBER STATES SHARED THE SRSG'S CONCERN ON THE LACK OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES.
- UK EXPRESSED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE US POSITION AND THAT THEY WOULD NOT "SECOND GUESS" THE SYG'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON FORCE STRENGTH. THEY ALSO STRESSED THAT THEY HAD ALSO MADE THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE SYG'S RECOMMENDATIONS KNOWN TO THE GOR.

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